

**REMARKS**

By way of the foregoing amendments, the specification has been amended to refer to the priority application and the international application. Various claims have been amended to delete the multiple claim dependencies, remove the reference numerals, and delete the "characterized in that" language. In addition, minor changes have been made to Claim 1 to delete reference to the term "step." The changes to the claims presented in this Preliminary Amendment do not narrow the claim scope and do not introduce new matter. Claims 11-20 have also been added.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to the application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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